



What turned a lobster blue?



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A Maine lobsterman says he and his 14-year-old daughter caught a one-in-two-million crustacean: a blue lobster.

WCSH-TV reports Jay LaPlante of the Miss Meghan Lobster Catch company caught the creature in Scarborough on Saturday morning. LaPlante and daughter Meghan were hauling traps when she discovered the bright blue critter.

The story has a happy ending for the lobster. Meghan says she is naming it Skyler and will donate it to the Maine State Aquarium. The aquarium says it has three other blue lobsters and an orange one.

While typical lobsters are often a brown or greenish color, others can be bright red (uncooked), calico, multi-colored, orange and even albino, which is likely the rarest of all lobster shades.

"They're rare, but we still see them every summer," University of Maine Lobster Institute Executive Director Robert C. Bayer told Michael Kuhne of AccuWeather.com. "We see around three to four a year." Bayer said there is still much unknown about the number of lobsters, but according to some estimates, only one out of two million lobsters is blue.

Critical thinking challenge: *Why did Meghan decide to donate the lobster instead of cooking it, eating it or selling it?*